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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

1. FAO DOCUMENT ON GRAIN RESERVES IS IN PROCESS OF PREPARATION BY FAO'S COMMODITY DIVISION. DOCUMENT IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (WFS) AT REQUEST OF SOME MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING U.S., WHO QUESTIONED FIGURE OF 16 PERCENT AS NEEDED SAFE LEVEL OF FOOD RESERVES WITH RELATION TO GRAIN CONSUMPTION. FAO PAPER REVIEWS BASIS FOR USE OF THIS PERCENTAGE IN DOCUMENTS FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN 1974. DOCUMENT THEN REVIEWS THREE OR FOUR OTHER STUDIES ON THIS ISSUE SINCE THEN AND CONCLUDES THAT 16 PERCENT FIGURE IS VALID AND BEST JUDGMENT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. GIST OF REMARKS OF FAO ECONOMIST WORKING ON THIS ISSUE WAS THAT COUNTRIES WHO QUESTIONED THIS FIGURE SHOULD EITHER ACCEPT 16 PERCENT AS WORKING LEVEL FOR RESE RVE STOCK OR ELSE BE PREPARED TO ARGUE AND PROVE A BETTER FIGURE.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE FAO'S FOOD INFORMATION NO. 1 1977 OF JANUARY 18 FORECASTS TOTAL CARRYOVER OF CEREALS FOR 1977 AS A PERCENTAGE OF CONSUMPTION AT EXACTLY 16 PERCENT. FAO ECONOMIST SAYS FEBRUARY'S RELEASE WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME,
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BUT BY MARCH THEY EXPECT TO SHOW INCREASED WHEAT STOCKS FROM THE 1976 59 MILLION-TON FIGURE SO THAT WORLD STOCKS WILL ACTUALLY BE ESTIMATED AT THIS 16 PERCENT LEVEL. ALSO ENCOURAGING FROM WORLD FOOD SECURITY POINT OF VIEW IS THAT STOCKS IN DEVELOPING IMPORTER COUNTRIES ARE UP EVEN THOUGH THERE STILL EXISTS AN IMBALANCE BETWEEN LOCATION OF STOCKS AND CONSUMPTION. ONLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY IMPORTERS DID NOT INCREASE STOCKS IN 1976.

3. FAO DOCUMENTATION FOR WFS COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO
BEGIN TO BE AVAILABLE BY MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY.BEAUDRY

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